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Dan,

This is certainly not the experience that we want tourist have visiting Hollywood. We will look into this incident immediately and interview the involved parties. I will keep everyone post. Oz

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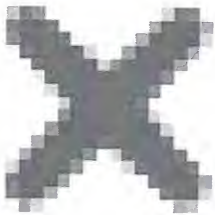
From: "Dan Halden" <daniel.halden@lacity.org>

Date: Fri, 16 Jan 2015 15:21:12 -0800

To: Steve Seyler<sseyler@andrewsinternational.com>; <ozzieramos4@gmail.com>; Jackie Lawson<jacquelyn.lawson@lacity.org>; IRVIN ISABELLA<31823@lapd.lacity.org>

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FYI -- recent incident with street characters, please see below



Dan Halden

Hollywood Field Deputy

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: Parra, Alfonso <AParra@chla.usc.edu>

Date: Mon, Jan 12, 2015 at 11:00 PM

Subject: RE: Regarding tourist harrasment on premises

To: Chinese Theatre Manager <manager@chinesetheatres.com>, "daniel.halden@lacity.org" <daniel.halden@lacity.org>

Hello Mr. How and Mr. Halden

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Attached are some photos of the aggressors and victims (i blacked out the faces of the girls but have the originals if needed).

The victims are Japanese (born and raised in Canada). They are back in Canada at this time.

One of the girls wrote up a description of the events that I have attached to the end of this email.

We are all hoping this information can help you prevent this from continuing to happen to some of the tourists that visit this historical site.

We understand it is a complicated matter and that you have been battling this for quite some years.

Please let us know if there is something else we can help with.

Thank you again for your time and attention.

Jaime Alfonso Parra

(friend of the mother of the victims).

"I am from Canada and I visited the Chinese Theater with my older sister and a friend on December 26th around noon. We were having a good time until I asked one of the guys dressed up in Spiderman costume to take a picture with me. I did not know we had to pay them. I would be fine with tipping just him because I was the one who asked to take a picture with us. But what bothered us was these two other people dressed up as Cat women and Zorro came out of nowhere and joined us. They were extremely pushy and loud. After we took the pictures, we thanked them and tried to leave but they started yelling at us for not giving them the money. We were puzzled by this because again, we were new to Hollywood and did not know we were supposed to pay them. When they saw that we weren't pulling out our wallets, they shouted at us even more saying "C'mon, where's the money!? We need the money. We don't take pictures with you guys for free if that's what you thought! Give us \$20! 20, 20, 20!" We were very frightened by their aggressiveness so my friend pulled out his wallet and gave Spiderman a \$20. As soon as Spiderman took the money, he immediately walked away. Then the Cat woman turned to me and commanded me for money. We did not have any spare change so my sister gave the woman two 5 dollar bills and told her to share with Zorro. After taking the money from my sister, she tried to walk away so we stopped her and told her AGAIN to give the other 5 to Zorro. But she yelled at us giving us the most disgusting look and told us that she doesn't share and walked away. After awhile, I was approached by another man in costumes who grabbed my hand and pulled me closer to him. He asked me to take a picture with him and a whole bunch of other guys in costumes gathered around us. This time, I told them that I don't have money and they immediately disappeared from us."

Reported by Mana Taniguchi

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From: Chinese Theatre Manager [manager@chinesetheatres.com]
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2015 7:22 PM
To: Parra, Alfonso
Cc: manager@chinesetheatres.com
Subject: Fw: Regarding tourist harrasment on premises

Hello Mr. Parra,

Thank you for writing to us. We forwarded you email to Councilmen Mitch O'Farrell's office, please see his respond below. We also forwarded your email to the Hollywood Bid Patrol and the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. In your email you mentioned that you have "pictures that include the suspects and show the location of the incident" will it be possible to share the pictures with us.

Thank you,

Laval How

From: Dan Halden <daniel.halden@lacity.org>
Date: January 9, 2015 at 5:39:02 PM PST
To: Alwyn Hight Kushner <alwyn@chinesetheatres.com>
Subject: Re: Regarding tourist harrasment on premises

Yes, please feel free to share my contact information with Mr. Parra.

LAPD should ALWAYS be the first call in a case like this so it is logged in the official record. But I would also like to be informed as well.

Thanks,



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On Thu, Jan 8, 2015 at 4:38 PM, Alwyn Hight Kushner <alwyn@chinesetheatres.com> wrote:
Hi Dan:

Please see the email below regarding a recent incident with the street characters. I will also provide your email and tell them to contact you with more information, photos etc if that is ok?

Best,

Alwyn

----- Original Message -----

From: Parra, Alfonso

To: manager@chinesetheatres.com

Cc: lisa@chinesetheatres.com

Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 10:02 AM

Subject: Regarding tourist harrasment on premises

Dear Management of the Chinese Theaters

Would you please let me know if there is an office, or department, other than the LAPD where I can file a complaint about the street actor/character impersonators? Last week several of them terrorized, cornered, and held up several youth tourists. These impersonators would not let the group of youth go until a certain amount of money was paid. Unfortunately the youth could not find officers or security guards available in the area at that time.

We have pictures that include the suspects and show the location of the events.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

J.A.Parra

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